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PRG Action No. PD/T-232-37

SUBJECT: Project AEFLAG

1. PURPOSE

To foster the pro-Western orientation of people in the target area and to increase the Soviet regime in the area.

2. BACKGROUND

a. Available evidence indicates that the people of the target area bitterly resent Soviet political and economic oppression, and, still harbor hopes of eventual liberation. It is believed that these attitudes may be exploited by RF broadcasts to the target area.

b. In 1955, several former residents of the target area initiated a broadcasting program to their homeland through radio facilities of the host country. Subsequently, control of this program was relinquished to a cultural cover organization of the Agency in return for financial and other support. To date, guidance in expanding and improving the program has been rendered and funded, on a developmental basis, through the cover organization.

c. Project AEFLAG requests funds in the amount of [] for FY 1957 in order to provide for field assignment of a qualified writer-announcer, salaries of the principal agent and field consultants, and provision of miscellaneous other support. Funds for the FY 1957 allocation are available within the SI Division's current budget, and the Comptroller has been advised accordingly. In addition, the project requests authority for FY 1958 removal in the amount of [], subject to the availability of FY 1958 funds. The project will be included in the SI Division Operational Program for FY 1958 in the amount of [].

3. PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Project AEFLAG be authorized (a) in the amount of \$10,000 for FY 1957 for the purposes stated above, and, (b) for removal in FY 1958 in the amount of \$12,000 subject to the availability of FY 1958 funds.

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4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Deputy Director (Plans) approve Project
AEFLAG as proposed.

CONCUR:

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL:

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12 APR 1957

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/S/ Richard Helms
For

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